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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sirs:

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" is attached at page 3.

**In the Specification:**

At page 1, following the title, please insert the following:

--This application claims priority to PCT Application number PCT/US00/18834 filed in English on July 7, 2000 claiming priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application number 60/143,257 filed on July 9, 1999, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. --

**In the Claims:**

Please amend Claim 28 as follows:

28. (Amended) A method for inducing a protective immune response in a subject at risk of developing *H. ducreyi* infection comprising administering to the subject a vaccine according to Claim 24 in an amount sufficient to induce an immune response.